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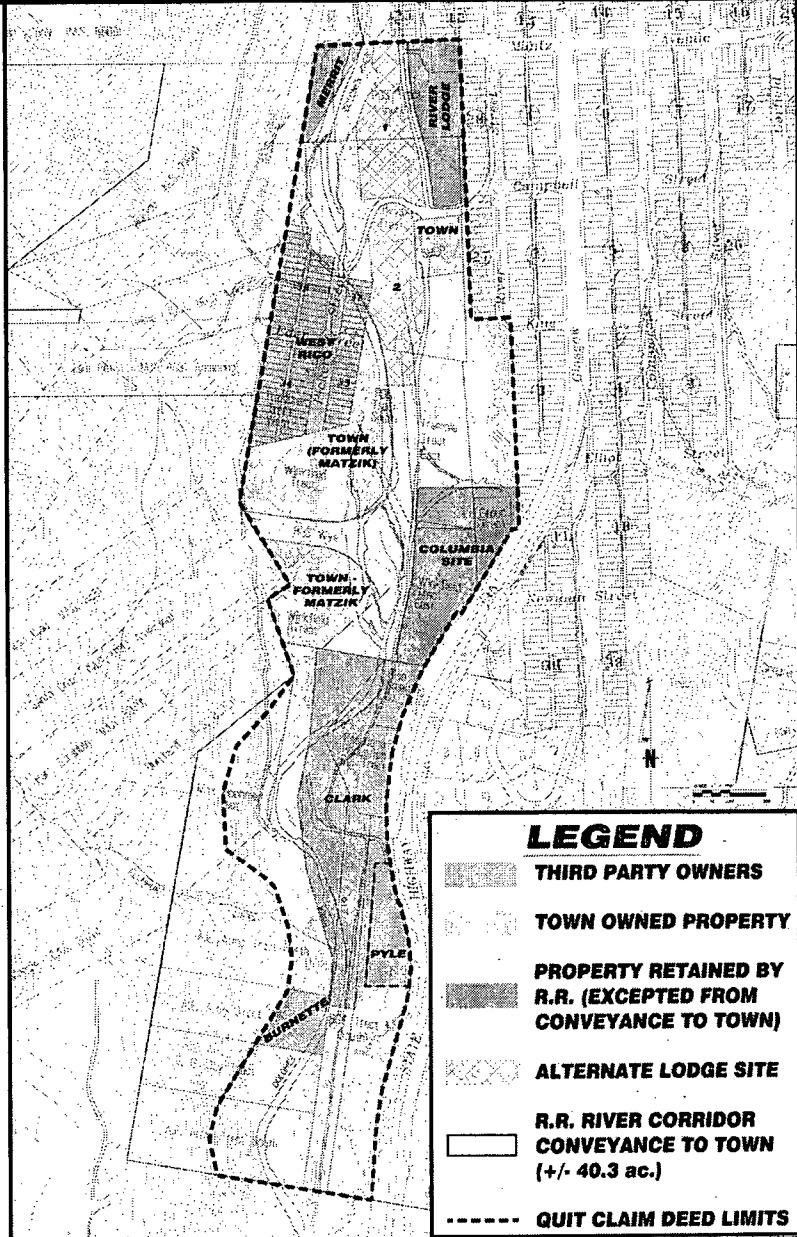
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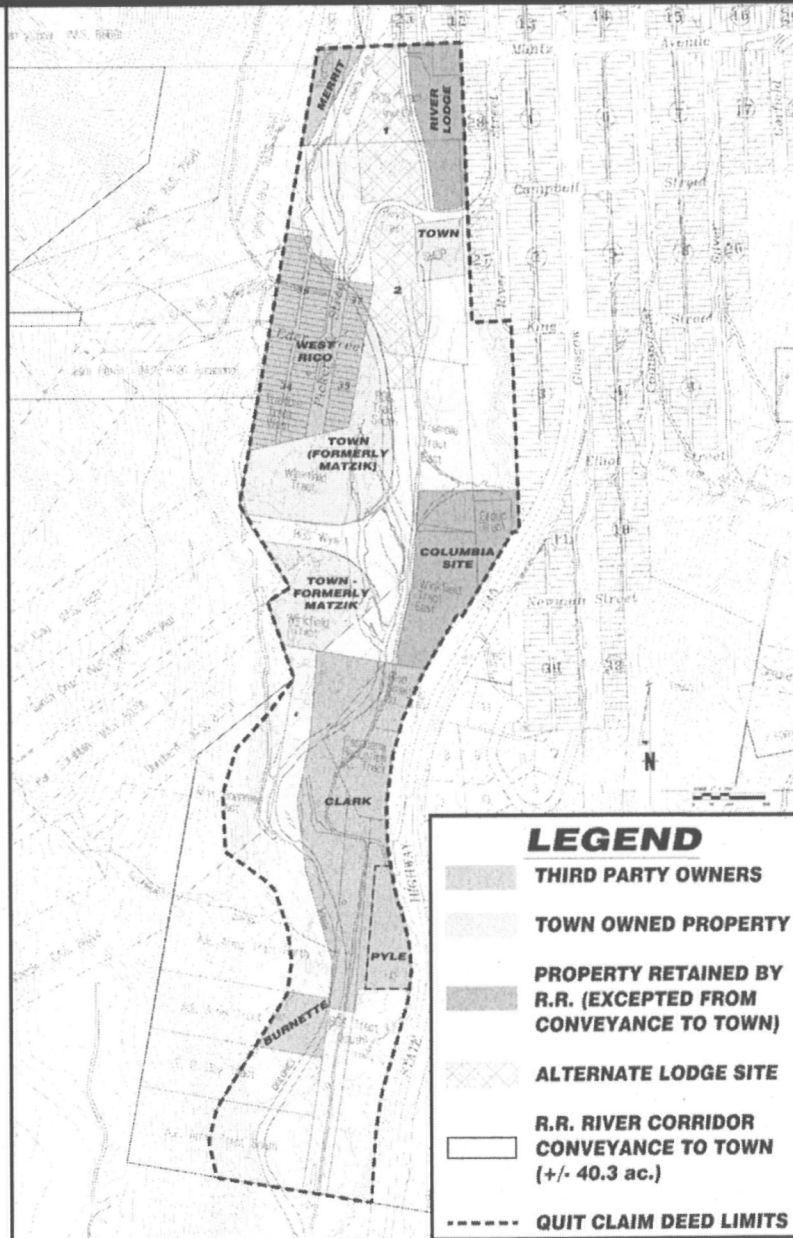
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Church News

by Reverend Beverly Leonard

On Sunday, December 14, at 2:00, we will be having our potato soup and bread supper with the Ridgway church and others in our vicinity. This is a fun get together with our cousins. They always bring the dessert and it is overwhelming. Drop by if you like soup and sharing with others.

Our choir continues to meet under the direction of Parsy Schneidewind. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 and are always open to new voices joining us.

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The Rico Renaissance River Corridor properties conveyed to the Town include the portions of F.G. Day Tract, A.E. Arms Tract North, RGS ROW Tract South, Max Boehmer Tract, Winkfield Tract East (less the Columbia Mill tailing site), RGS Wye Tract, Tremble Tract East (less the Columbia Mill tailing site), RGS Tract South, and the Roys Tract and RGS Tract North (less the current Rico River Lodge Site) within 200 feet of the eastern and western edges of the Dolores River.

Rico Renaissance has retained ownership of the area designated as the River Lodge Site, where the Pro Patria Mill was once located. According to the 2004

Master Plan, accommodations for a hot springs resort are planned for that location. But because the River Lodge Site contains highly contaminated soils, the Town has agreed to two alternate locations for the Lodge in the event that environmental remediation makes the designated River Lodge Site economically infeasible.

Under Town ownership, a majority of the River Corridor will be preserved as open space. The Town hopes to one day improve the property as part of a recreational, fishery and watershed enhancement project, as described in the 2004 Rico Regional Master Plan.

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on the seat, contact Linda Yellowman, M - Th during regular office hours at 967-2861.

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Chuck Stillwell, representative for Atlantic Richfield Corporation (ARCO) gave a presentation on the status of the Rico Lead Soils Voluntary Clean Up. Mr. Stillwell informed the board that approximately 78 residential yards have been remediated, and last summer ARCO subcontractors finished subdividing and constructing a pocket park at the Van Winkle Headframe site.

ARCO hopes to be working with Town staff in the upcoming months on formulating institutional controls regarding lead contaminated soils and future development in Rico.

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The \$964,300 EPA STAG Grant awarded to the Town for development of a town-wide sewer system, has been extended for another three years. The grant was scheduled to be closed this December. Town Manager, Mike England, will be applying to the US Congress, to transfer the grant funding from the sewer project to a town sourcewater project which would develop alluvial wells north of town.

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The Town Board will vote to approve the second reading of the 2009 Town Budget and certify town mill levies at the regular December meeting. The proposed budgeted revenues and expenditures for each fund are: General Fund Revenue \$770,495.13; General Fund Expenditures \$285,360.49; Street Fund Revenues \$167,344.70; Street Fund Expenditures \$46,509.70; Parks, Trails and Open Space Fund Revenues \$52,414.64; Parks, Trails and Open Space

Expenditures \$16,548.26; Water Fund Revenues \$361,409.50; Water Fund Expenditures \$142,214.63; Sewer Fund Revenues \$3,583,612.32; Sewer Fund Expenditures \$3,494,512.41; Conservation Trust Fund Revenues \$11,828.76; and, Conservation Trust Fund Expenditures \$2,000.

Proposed mill levies are 13.020 mills levied upon each dollar of assessed valuation for general operating expenses, 1.785 mills levied upon each dollar of assessed valuation for street fund expenses, and 3.939 mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation for sewer fund expenses.

The Town will also vote to amend the 2008 budget to reflect additional General Fund revenues of \$77,788.64, additional Water Fund revenues of \$14,659.06, and additional Water Fund expenses of \$16,007.

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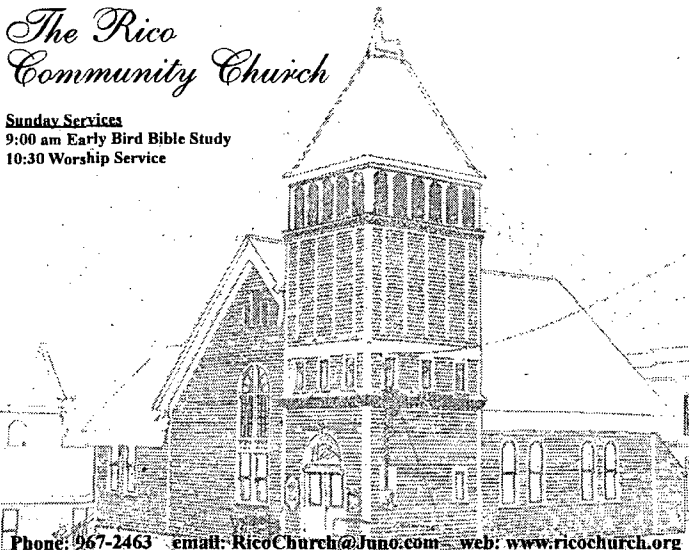
The Board, acting as the Board of Adjustments, approved a variance application presented by council member Dave Kunz on behalf of the Town, for the height and material of a fence which will partially enclose the new sports field at the Rico Town Park. Because the fence will be used to prevent balls from going over the hill, a height of eight feet is required. The fence material will be chain link in order to allow the greatest visibility as the field will be used by Rico School Children who need to be under constant adult supervision.

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The Town Board also approved the letter of inspection from Gregory Anderson, P.E. of Foley and Associates for final construction completion of Hancock Street improvements. With the exception of some on site cleanup of debris, the town agreed that the roadway and utilities improvements are complete and ready for use.

The Rico Community Church

Sunday Services
9:00 am Early Bird Bible Study
10:30 Worship Service



Phone: 967-2463 email: RicoChurch@juno.com web: www.ricochurch.org

The church facilities are available for community functions.

The Rico Community Church welcomes everyone, regardless of religious persuasion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, or gender. Contacts: Dr. Gerry and Marilyn Griebel, Ken and Marlene Hazen, Virginia Hinton, Paul Moore.

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